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local nonprofit that have bingo.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So their tax...they would get a 5 percent tax break.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you say right now the cities and villages can tax 2 percent, is that right?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you're wiping that out?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: That's right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about raising that tax to 8 percent, and raising it to 8 percent on lotteries and keno and everybody else, too. Then they're equally taxed.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What about that approach?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...we had that approach in the committee, Senator. And we thought that the only way that we're going to get the bill probably passed is to only deal with just the bingo tax, to reduce that, because those are all nonprofit charities, mainly. You know, basically you have your legions and your American Legions, places like that, that have this here bingo, and not do anything with the other lotteries, keno or any of those other entities out there that have a form of gambling.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Was it because they're too high powered and it was felt they would be able to stop the bill from passing, if they were dealt with?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: No, I think the bill has been around for seven years and it always gets involved with the other forms of gambling, Senator, and we thought that in order to get just the bingo tax passed that we had to keep just bingo tax by itself.